

The President does not show leadership by showboating, or stealing ideas from Republicans. If the President were truly committed to this issue, he would have pledged his support for the Working Families Flexibility Act, and he would work with Congress, instead of trying to upstage it.

I ask the President to stop playing election-year politics and support H.R. 2391, the Working Families Flexibility Act, and I ask my colleagues to do the same.

HOW MUCH MORE WILL CHINA DO TO ITS PEOPLE AND THE WORLD?

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, most-favored-nation status for China giving trade advantages to that Communist dictatorship will cost millions of American jobs. Our trade deficit with China, almost nonexistent only a few years ago, has climbed to \$32 billion and is rising, and within a couple of years, it will surpass that of Japan. How much more can China do to its people and how much more can China do to the rest of the world before we finally say "no" to MFN? Massacring students in Beijing, selling nuclear technology to rogue nations, slave labor camps, illegally smuggling 2,000 AK-47's into the United States, forcible seizure of Tibetan children from their homes, 12-year-old children in China making toys for 12-year-old children in America and 12-year-old children in China in labor camps making toys for 12-year-old children in America. Mr. Speaker, when will it stop? When will we in this body stop it? Defeat MFN.

RIGHT CONGRESS ACT: TO RESTORE INTEGRITY, GOODWILL, HONESTY, AND TRUST IN CONGRESS

(Mr. BASS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the RIGHT Congress Act. RIGHT stands for "Restore Integrity, Goodwill, Honesty and Trust in Congress." The bill is a modest, commonsense reform that will help bring back some accountability and responsibility to the Halls of Congress and it follows on the action that we took beginning with the first day of the 104th Congress.

What will this bill do? It will reduce congressional pensions to put them in line with all other Federal employees. It repeals automatic pay raises for Members of Congress and eliminates COLA's on Members' pensions. It will require recorded votes on all bills or amendments increasing Members' pay; prohibit former Members and senior staffs from lobbying for 28 years after leaving Congress or one full term; deny House floor access for Members of Congress who are registered lobbyists; re-

quire lobbyists to wear ID's when they are working in the Capitol; limit the use of expensive military flights for congressional travel; ban overseas taxpayer funded travel for retiring Members of Congress.

This bill has received support from across the board, and I urge my colleagues' support for this piece of legislation.

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THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH

(Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I voted against the Communications Decency Act, which was included in the telecommunications bill, because it was an outrageous disregard by this body of our duty to protect constitutional rights, specifically the first amendment.

Now we have had a ringing thoughtful denunciation of that unconstitutional act by a 3-judge court in Pennsylvania. I commend particularly to Members the opinion by Judge Dalzell, where he points out how unwise it is to try to censor the Internet.

We have a problem. We began years ago, with regard to broadcasting, the notion that if speech was electronically communicated it got less first amendment protection than other speech. That was based on some technological factors involving the limitations of the spectrum.

Today, as increasingly people communicate with each other through electronic means, we have carried over this notion that electronically communicated speech gets less first amendment protection than other speech.

If we do not reverse that trend, if we do not recognize the wisdom of that 3-judge court, we will find ourselves in future years less protected by that precious right of free speech.

THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE BRASS MILL CENTER MALL

(Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a historic day for my hometown of Waterbury, CT. It marked the groundbreaking of the Brass Mill Center Mall, the soon to be home of the second largest mall in New England.

Having worked at this location along with my father and other relatives when it was the Scovill Manufacturing Co. more than 20 years ago, I have a sentimental attachment to the site. But more important, thanks to the millions of dollars from the Federal Government, approved in the 103d Congress for the environmental cleanup of the site, it is now becoming a reality.

The mall will have a significant impact on revitalizing the downtown area, while producing more than a thousand new much needed jobs. This has been a classic example, Mr. Speaker, of how the local, State and Federal governments can work hand-in-hand with private industry.

I look forward to the fall 1997 grand opening.

AMERICA'S CHOICE: GOP EDUCATION CUTS OR FAMILIES FIRST AGENDA

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I am often amused as I listen to my Republican colleagues talk about their budget. They come down and wave their arms and talk about their children's future and their children's children's future with great passion. Let us face it. What is important about our children's future is education.

And let us talk about the education record. The fact is, Mr. Speaker, that under the Republican proposals they actually cut student aid. They eliminate the direct student loan program, which means students are going to pay higher fees and higher costs for student loans. That is not helping their future. They cut money for safe and drug-free schools so that children can have a safe education. That is not helping their education or their futures.

On the other hand, the Democrats' Families First agenda addresses education in significant ways: First, 2 years of community college free in the form of a \$1,500 tax credit for community college education if the student maintains a B average. I think that is a fair deal for our children's future.

We also provide a \$10,000 deduction for college education; \$10,000 deduction for college expenses. That is protecting our children's future.

SAUDI ARABIA TERRORISM

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, America has once again felt the sting of a deadly cowardly terrorist attack directed at our troops who have been preserving and protecting America's interest in the Persian Gulf. A similar attack on Americans in Saudi Arabia last November for the first time signaled that radical Islamic elements in Saudi Arabia would use Americans as targets in their war against the ruling regime.

As we seek to determine just who is responsible, there is one thing that is clear from this deadly and senseless attack, and that is that the United States' vital national interests in the gulf remains constant and the threat from the two main rogue regimes in the region, Iran and Iraq, must not be allowed to destabilize our gulf allies.